

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following paragraph:

An image management system operates in a server-client system mode or a standalone system mode in which the operational mode can easily be switched from the standalone system mode to the server-client system mode. A user can operate the image management system in a same manner irrespective of whether or not the system operates in the server-client system mode or the standalone system mode. The system includes an image management terminal which is provided with a switchover controller for sending to an image management server image data and management information stored in the image management terminal, according to user's instructions. The system also includes an image management server which is provided with switchover image registration unit for registering with a storage unit image data and management information acquired from the image management terminal.